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**COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
2:00 PM
Board of Education Central Office

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT : Donna Antonacci, Margo Gignac and Rosemary Gignac

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT : Superintendent Daniel P. Sullivan, III, Assistant Superintendent Jessica L. Kuckel, William J Johnston Middle School (WJJMS) Assistant Principal Stacey Ewings

OTHERS PRESENT : Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Alyssa Fratoni, WJJMS Literacy Coach Tiffany Smith

1. MEETING OPENING

- 1.1. Call to Order
D.Antonacci called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM
- 1.2. Roll Call
All committee members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 2.1. For Public Comments, please see Bylaw on Meeting Conduct
None.

3. *CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1. *Approval of Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2025
Motion by: M.Gignac
Motion to approve Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2025
Second: R.Gignac
Roll Call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

4. *PRIORITY DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. WJ ELA
WJ Literacy Coach T.Smith and WJ Assistant Principal Ewings joined the meeting to highlight recent changes, particularly in the development of the WJ ELA curriculum. T.Smith reviewed each ELA unit for grades 6-8, outlining the learning goals and the texts used. All texts have already been approved. A new grammar program has been piloted with the goal of helping students

consistently transfer grammar skills into other subjects such as science and math. Students are increasingly discussing grammar concepts and are able to apply them when prompted, though they are not yet doing so automatically. This initiative is part of a two-year goal. After the first year, the results have been very positive. The curriculum design focuses on skill development in grades 6 and 7, while grade 8 transitions to a thematic approach to better prepare students for high school.

It was noted that this is the last Curriculum Committee meeting for the 2024-2025 school year, and meetings will begin again in Fall of 2025.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: M.Gignac

Motion to adjourn.

Second: R.Gignac

Roll Call: All in favor

Vote: Motion carried

D.Antonacci adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Alyssa Fratoni
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent